proper person to be reappointed as Managing Director of the Company. The complaint is being looked into.

**हजीरा बिजयपुर जगदीशपुर पाइप लाइन से खाना पकाने की गैस की आपूर्ति**

3039. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :
श्री रशीद मसूद :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हजीरा बिजयपुर जगदीशपुर पाइप-लाइन से खाना पकाने की गैस की आपूर्ति के लिये एक योजना तैयार की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस योजना के कब तक कार्यान्वित किये जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) और (ख) गैस अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड ने मध्य प्रदेश के बिजयपुर नामक स्थान पर एल०पी०जी०-कम-प्रोपेन निकालने के एक संयंत्र की स्थापना के लिये एक प्रस्ताव सरकार को प्रस्तुत किया है । सरकार द्वारा इसकी जांच की जा रही है ।

**Requests pending for cooking gas outlets**

3040. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of requests for opening of cooking gas retail outlets are pending with Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken 'by Government to open these outlets immediately?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE ■ MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Applications in respect oi 408 cases of LPG distributorships were pending with the four Oil Selection Boards as on the 1st October, 1987. The Board-wise details are given below:

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| i. Oil Selection Board (Na | 148 |
| 2. Oil Selection Board (South) | 91 |
| 3. On Selection Beard (East) | 43 |
| 4.Oil Selection Board (West) | 126 |
| TOTAL | 408 |

(c) These Oil Selection Boards aad become inoperative after June, 1986 on expiry of the terms of their incumbents; they have since been re-tituted and have become func-al. It is hoped that the process of selection would now be expedited.

**Exploration for petrol and natural gas in, M.P.**

3041. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ' AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any exploration for petroleum and natural gas in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the results of such exploration; and

(c) if tbe reply to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Governrnent propose to undertake such exploration in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.